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June 4, 2004

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Mr. Joseph Fernandez
Affordable Phone Services, Inc.
2855 SE 58th Avenue
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Dear Mr. Fernandez:

The Pleading which you filed on behalf of Affordable Phone Services, Inc. has been duly received and assigned Docket No. 2004-146-C.

In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to accomplish the following:

Publish, at your own expense, on or before **June 14, 2004**, the enclosed Notice, in newspapers of general circulation, in the affected areas, one time and provide the undersigned Proof of Publication on or before **June 22, 2004**.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates indicated may result in the **DISMISSAL** of your pleading.

In the meantime, should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce F. Duke
Executive Director

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Enclosure

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

Affordable Phone Services, Inc. (Applicant) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold prepaid local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina. The Applicant proposes to offer its services in the areas served by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Verizon South, Inc.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 and is available through Mr. Joseph Fernandez, Affordable Phone Services, Inc., 2855 SE 58th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34471.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at **10:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 29, 2004**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to South Carolina Code of Laws – Section 58-9-280, as amended, the Commission will invoke the 120-day period allowed for consideration of this matter.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify Bruce F. Duke, Executive Director, at the address below, and Mr. Joseph Fernandez, at the previously stated address in writing, on or before **June 29, 2004**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-146-C**.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before **June 29, 2004**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-146-C**.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with Commission's Procedures, on or before **June 29, 2004**. Please refer to **Docket No. 2004-146-C**.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

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